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FROM THE EDITOR

As you well know your Editor seldom, if ever, deems it necessary or worthwhile to contribute an Editorial and perhaps this should not even be constructed as one but merely as a sales pitch for our favorite cause, mainly U.F.C. research. For it may not be generally realized that to run an organization such as ours takes finances, and quite abit. Unlike other personalities we do not have the capacity to use our own personal funds to continue operation and must depend entirely on our many kind and generous members and friends. For many of you this is the final issue of your present subscription and we would appreciate it very much if you were to renew on time without further notices being mailed to you (a very costly operation). We foresee only many pleasant things to discuss and reveal for you in the future and hope that you will continue to stick by us as you have in the past.

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SCIENTISTS DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT TWO CONSTABLES SAW

Two South African constables claim that they saw a space ship land on a major highway near Pretoria, South Africa on Saturday Sept. 18th, 1965. And to back up their claims they were able to produce a large burned spot on the side of the road.

Scientists who investigated say that they are skeptical about the report and believe what the two constables really saw was a large fire caused by ignited gasoline or a similar liquid.

The Constables say that as they approached the craft it seemed to disappear. The grass nearby was also scorched.

This landing near the leading city of Johannesburg comes on the trail of other recent reports in that part of the world. Other incidents include many landings and possible contacts (Credit: John Prytz)

HOWARD MENGER'S CONVENTION SNAFFOOD BY HALL'S N.I.C.A.P.

As reported in the last issue of THE SEARCHLIGHT famed UFO researcher and author of FROM OUTER SPACE TO YOU, Howard Menger, is planning a space age convention on Nov. 26, 27 & 28 in Sebastian, Florida. This convention was to be held in co-operation with the City Council of Sebastian who were to turn the local airport over to Howard for the purpose. This was until rather recently when NICAP sent a very pointed letter to the City Clerk of Sebastian dated September 14 (photo copy available for inspection). In this letter Richard Hall, NICAP's Acting Director, called Menger's New Jersey convention of 1958 a "circus-like convention of tall tale tellers, each trying to outdo the other in extravagant claims of sojourning with spacemen in the vicinity of High Bridge, New Jersey". Mr. Hall goes further in stating that "it gives me great pleasure to learn that he (Menger) is having difficulties finding sponsorship" (which was untrue until Hall's letter arrived).

Hall continues by falsely stating that Menger was in trouble with the F.C.C. for "illegally operating a generator on his property which some of us (NICAP) though might just be related to the alleged phenomena (flashing lights, etc) seen by the curious and offered by Menger as proof of his claims" Hall further digs into Menger by stating (uncalled for) that he divorced his first wife and completes his letter by saying he completely disapproves of Menger and his activities. The letter is duely signed Richard Hall "ACTING DIRECTOR" which indicates to all that Maj. Keyhoe (who we have due respect for but think he had bad taste in allowing Hall to gain such a high position) is no longer serving as head man of NICAP.

In a letter to our close friend and Associate James W. Moseley (editor of that fine UFO magazine SAUCER NEWS with whom we are proud to be associated) Menger indicates that the matter of the convention has become a political football which is being bounced around by the politicians. Those in power feeling that come election time the opposition may make a campaign issue out of the entire matter labeling the council members in power as "nuts". Furthermore the non-active CSI... headed by Isabel Davis claimed in a letter addressed to the City Clerk that the 1958 convention conducted in Highbridge, New Jersey was attended by kooks, charlatans, and frauds and went on to say other libelous remarks.

We might explain now that the much talked about 1958 convention was no such thing. As Barker, Moseley, Agie Roberts, Harry Hoffman, Mike Mann and hundreds of others can tell you. But instead it was a well mannered, friendly, congenial convention held in a lovely country setting. The lectures were interesting, provocative and controversial. The subjects discussed were UFOs (sightings, landings and contacts), Parapsychology, ESP, Science Fiction Today - Tomerrow's Fact, Humetics, etc. A donation of \$2.00 covered the three days and many camped there for the week-end. The convention was the first of its kind in New Jersey and was received very well and was most successful. It certainly was not at all like what Isabel Davis and Richard Hall would have it.

Before you go off on the deep-end and think for one minute we believe 100% in Menger's original contacts lets make it clear we do not. If you recall Menger later ducked out on his original story and refused to discuss the matter any length, even when appearing in front of millions of people on the Long John Nebel TV show. We now believe we have discovered part of the answer to his original contacts and would tell more if it were not for Menger's insistence that we withhold this information for at least the time being. The best we can say is that this information would tie very nicely in with SOME of Dr. Davidson's ideas and perhaps could explain such things as the Bender mystery. We might say, going one step further, that Menger was put on "The Team". But let us also explain that real solid SAUCERS were seen over Highbridge by many person. We have talked to a few, many closely connected with Howard when he had a small group many years ago, and are convinced that Menger's stories were true and experiences many unusual things themselves, which we believe to be true.

And let us further go on record by saying that the potato given Menger (said to be from the Moon) was the finest piece of dehydration you have ever seen on Earth to date. There is no dehydration plant that can safely dehydrate a whole specimen. Someday, perhaps in the near future, we will be able to explain the ENTIRE STORY and perhaps we may even get Howard to tell the story in his own words, if he is willing.

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Menger spent thousands of dollars of his own money to investigate other UFO landings and contacts. And we along with Menger must admit that many saucer clubs, groups and organizations are unknowingly harboring subversives, who talk along communistic lines. Some contact stories are outrages hoaxes, while others give us much to think about and deeply should be investigated in our opinion for we may have much to learn by them.

Maj. Keyhoe wrote a letter dated Oct. 21, 1957 to Menger in which he stated NICAP did not withhold information officially but did not consider that any of the contact stories had been "absolutely" proven true, "but we wish to learn the facts". Yet we need not explain that NICAP's refusal to investigate and report on the Joe Simonton pancakes (and when they did in a double-talk manner for which Judge Carter can attest) gave them a nasty name to many consigned and dedicated researchers.

A wisper campaign has also spread to the effect that Menger is a religious fanatic. Menger comments as follows "I was baptised a Lutheran, never have been much of a church goer. My children recite the Lord's Prayer each night. My little three year old daughter follows the prayers with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. My family attends the Christian Science Church each Sunday, because it is the nearest to what we believe. If this is being a 'fanatic', then I stand rightly accused."

We stand behind Menger 100% not so much for what he has said in the past but for what he is now trying to do. We are against NICAP's (mainly Hall's) immature and uncalled for comments against Menger and his plans. Won't each and everyone of you that receive this take the opportunity to write the City Clerk in Sebastian, Florida (A.T. Jordan, Col. A.U.S. ret) and tell him what you think? We have asked you to do many things for us in the past to which you have always complied but we are now asking EVERYONE as a good citizen who wants to see justice done (no matter what you may think of Menger's personal contacts) to write, AT ONCE, to the City Clerk and tell him that there has been a vast miscarriage of justice done Howard Menger. Your editor is at a boiling point (rightfully so we believe) regarding this entire issue as Menger has showed time and time again his best intentions. Let's show the public that together we are a powerful force and rally around Menger. Menger's plans include running for government office soon and we would like him to gain such an office for he is truly an American in more ways than one. THE FUTURE WILL SHOW THIS.

The United UFOlogical Association, composed of almost 50 scientific UFO research groups similar to ours located around the world (to which NICAP does NOT belong and NOT offering their co-operation claiming that such co-operation would show that they approved of such groups) passed a "Code of Ethics" at the Congress of Scientific UFOlogists held in Cleveland, Ohio in June of 1965. Three points that they approved were "no organization or individual should take any action which shall have the effect of suppressing free inquiry of UFO information" -- "NEITHER shall any such organization or individual whether by word of mouth or in writing say or write anything which shall have the purpose or effect of discrediting, defaming, libelling or slandering other organizations or individuals" -- "NOR shall any such organization or individual attempt in any way to impose any specific set of values, whether his own or that of others; or take any steps which shall have the purpose or effect of dominating, controlling, monopolizing or tending to create a monolithic sphere of influence which shall inhabit, restrict or maliciously interfere with the operation or activities of such organization and individuals." NICAP IS GUILTY OF ALL OF THESE THREE POINTS AND MUCH MORE.

As soon as Menger completes the finishing touches on the X-4 (a free energy circular take off and landing craft) he will have movies taken of it in flight and will appear on radio and television nation wide announcing this new discovery.

Judge Lloy Harrison of Sebastian, Florida says about Menger "here is a man who knew what he was doing and had something to offer."

Howard has asked us to get the wheels turning up here and get the word around about this convention which will be held right after Thanksgiving. Menger states "We would like as many of you folk up there as possible to come down."

We know that many on our list of subscribers have only acclaim for Howard and we know that you won't let him down now when he needs your help the most. You may contact him direct at Box 1405, Vero Beach, Florida for further information on the convention.

It might be interesting to note that Sebastian Inlet is where Kip Wagner found his treasure loot - Spanish doubloons and all. Menger says that the convention will attract speakers from Cape Kennedy, NASA, local electronic firms, a Planetarium etc. The first two days being devoted to space - science - rockets etc and the third day to UFOLOGY.

AN ENTRANCE TO THE CAVES IN STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

BY JOHN ROBINSON
ASSISTANT EDITOR

This entrance to the caves now lost, was discovered by a laborer, who was digging in a lonely field somewhere in Staffordshire, England. The exact location of the field and entrance has never been discovered. However, the story is related in "A History of Staffordshire" by Dr. Plot, who wrote the book in the late 1770's.

I shall relate the highlights of the events as they appear in this ancient historical book.

A dull ignorant laborer was digging a trench in a field which lay in a valley surrounded on almost all sides by woods somewhere in Staffordshire. The sun had gone down and the laborer, who later related his experience, asserted that just as he was about to stop work his pick hit a large flat stone. The stone had an iron ring mounted in it. He stayed and cleared the stone which was in the form of a large oblong.

His attempt to pry the stone up was met with failure but he utilized ropes he had brought to obtain more leverage and managed to slide the stone over. This revealed a stone staircase which sloped down into the earth. Since his first thought was that this might lead to an ancient tomb containing treasure. Because of this possibility he gradually descended the stone stairway while looking back he could still see the sky glowing with the last light of the sun. His descent continued until he was about, according to his estimation, 100 feet underground. It was at this point that he suddenly reached a sort of landing.

The planet Venus had risen by this time and was shining directly down the shaft, so that he was able to discern the beginning of another stairway which descended at a right angle to the first one. The possibility of a treasure in gold or jewels, made him feel his way in the darkness down another 120 steps. At the foot of these steps was a turn and far below down another long flight of stone steps he could see a pale but steady light.

While descending this long flight of steps he heard the sound of some sort of machinery or the rumble of a large vehicle somewhere far in the distance. He paused; frightened, but the sound was gone and in the surrounding stillness he forced himself to go forward toward a light which glowed unnaturally in the bowels of the earth.

Reaching the end of the steps he found himself in a large stone chamber, the roof of which seemed far above him and the walls of which he could not see even by the light of a globe which glowed on the floor before him. Suddenly a hooded cowl'd figure appeared from some side passageway. This being pointed what he described as a baton like object or as we would understand it a tube at the light and destroyed it with a thunderclap which echoed and reechoed through immeasurable subterranean passageways.

The frightened laborer could not remember how he got out of the tunnel or up the stone stairway when he related his story. Any attempts to get him to visit the valley again were unsuccessful. Others who searched for the digging were unable to locate either because of the terrible wind and rainstorm which occurred that night. This ripped and washed the vegetation of the valley away leaving only the bare earth with no trace of the trench, the stone or the staircase. Because of this the Staffordshire entrance has never been located again.

THE THING HOLDS A TOWN IN ICY GRIP OF FEAR

A normally quiet market community of 10,000 persons in Warminster, England has been terrified since last Christmas morning of a strange object which stocks the city hurling women and children to the pavement while being "stricken by strange powerful blows on the head and shoulders."

The "Thing" as it has been so described makes horrowing sounds and causes icy chills to run up and down a persons spine. Animals have been injured by the "Thing" and strange noises in the dead of night have been attributed to this object described by some as cigar-shaped and by others as looking similar to Adamski's scout ships.

On September 5, 1965 at 1:55 a.m. the night was ripped by a terrible explosion and a strange orange light appeared in the bedrooms of many residents. Those who ventured outside in their night clothes said they observed this cigar-shaped object hovering in the sky, with a glowing core in its center. Dozens of windows were reported shattered by the blast which the Royal Air Force could not even attempt to explain. More on this next issue.

PRESS TIME NEWS FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! As this is going to press there have been many outstanding UFO sightings, landings and contacts in Mexico. Three students claim to have been taken to the third moon of Jupiter by 7 foot spacemen. Another claims to have talked to a pilot in his backyard for some time. MUCH MORE LATER.